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Isaiah 32:20.

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Of all the Friends by whom our life is blest,
The Name of Jesus Christ surmounts the rest.
And till that name is on our Christmas list,
The deeper thrill of Christmas joy is missed.

And when the storms arise, and lights grow dim,
May star and angel lead us back to Him,
God waits to flood our hearts with blessing when
The Christ of Christmas has first place again.

—*"Voice"*

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The President Emeritus Still Carries On

For many years I have had the deepest interest in the noble work of the *American European Fellowship* and acted as its President. But now, having passed the four-score-year mark in my life, the time has come when I must greatly curtail my activities and confine myself strictly to the most necessary literary work in connection with the editing of *"Our Hope"* and also in the production of the *"Encyclopedia Prophetica"*. My oral ministry, which through the grace of God I carried on over sixty years, I have given up on the advice of my physician. For this reason I have been obliged to resign from the active leadership and presidency of the *Fellowship*.

Yet this does not mean that I have no more interest in the good work. I have full confidence in its work and management. Only God knows how soon there will come a change in the different continental European countries, the territories where the *Fellowship* has been functioning. Is His blessed Son our Lord coming back to execute the eternal purposes of His Father, so abundantly revealed in the Scriptures? Or will He in His infinite mercy delay? If the latter is the case, then there is a tremendous work ahead for the *Fellowship*.

I pray therefore that His abundant blessing may rest upon the work. I shall continue to pray for all our brethren who continue to be active in giving the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to the starving millions of continental Europe and continue to support it in every way I possibly can.

And "Brethren, pray for me".

With Christian affection,

ARNO CLEMENS GAEBELEIN,
President Emeritus,
American-European Fellowship.

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"HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YE?"

A Catholic Bishop in Europe is in prison because he prayed in in public for the poor suffering Jews in their present critical emergency in the Axis Territory. Normal times and conditions will not return to Europe's peoples — either Jews or Gentiles — until man is free to ask God to have pity on the starving!

It was Jesus Himself who said, while here on earth: — "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way, for divers came from far." . . . "How many loaves have ye?" (Mark 8:2,3,5.).

There were only seven loaves and a few small fishes, but by a miracle the Compassionate One fed about four thousand, "and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets."

Either Christ will return to take over the rule of all men and the establishment of real peace and genuine brotherly love, or the *American-European Fellowship* will again be asking the Christian people of America:

"How many loaves have ye?"

It is on the European Continent where the Catholic Bishop is in prison because of his compassionate prayer for the hungry Jews that our Missonaries have for twenty years been preaching Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the World to both Jews and Gentiles. To preach this Jesus now without effective relief of this man-made starvation would be out of harmony with the Gospel of Him who said to His disciples:—

"Give ye them to eat!"

It was the Beloved Disciple in his exhortation to brotherly love who wrote: — "But who so hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:17, 18)

Having Missionaries still preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ where the hungry and suffering ones are, and being able to transmit funds to them regularly, the *American-European Fellowship* will be glad to take up again the Relief Ministry which we carried on so successfully soon after the close of the first World War. Mean while we are already doing all that we can in Europe through these Missionaries and other Christian brethren with whom we have been in Christian fellowship for many years.

May we remind you also that in the land where Jesus fed the multitudes we have ministered for several years to their sufferings without money and without price. Two hundred Jewish and Arab patients daily is not an uncommon number in our medical and surgical clinics and electrical treatment wards at Tel Aviv and Jaffa in Palestine.

It is, of course, your compassion and gifts which we are passing on to these needy, sick and suffering ones, and it is always in the Name of the Compassionate One, — the Christ who said:—

"Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matt. 10:42.)

"How many loaves have ye?"

FROM THE CENTER OF OLD EUROPE

Budapest, Hungary.
September 2, 1941
Received October 2, 1941

Dear Mr. Smith:

I suppose you have been wondering just what has happened to me during this month or so of silence. I have just returned from a fine time in Carpathia. While I was there I had no time for writing, for I was enjoying myself in other ways. I had been wanting to go all summer, but because of war I felt it not wise. At last I got a telegram that they were going to have the first baptism in Neresnice. I felt I just couldn't miss that, — so took a chance and went. The Lord led all the way and there were no difficulties and all went so well that I praise Him for the trip.

When I arrived after 22 hours on the train, I found the baptism had been postponed, so I had a chance to remain for two weeks. It was so nice to be there once more and to meet with Miss Selody and Mrs. Kertesz, who is now also working there. During the second week we took a trip around to some new villages — on foot now for there was no other way to travel, not even a bicycle!

The first meeting was on Sunday in a village where there is only one family of believers. The Lord gave a beautiful day and many from the village came to hear the Word. Mr. Mochar was also there. The best part came after the meeting when Miss Selody was able to gather a few children and try a Sunday School class. The children left and adults came and she was able to have a real talk with several of them. It was so interesting to see how the Lord led her and gave an answer from the Word for the various problems they brought up. One could see how the Word worked in their hearts although the majority do not want to accept it. Satan had his man on the job. He first sent his two boys home and then continually interrupted and made the other fellows sitting by him laugh, but Miss Selody read him a few verses from the Word, and that shut him up.

It is interesting, for the last time she was there this same man wanted to beat her. This time he sent fruit to us and came himself and then sent a rug to cover us for the night, sold us milk, etc., showing how the Lord was working even in a heart in which Satan reigned. When he saw his wife showed much interest, he sent her home also.

The next morning while we were eating breakfast a man came and spoke to us in English. He had heard the message on Sunday, but was ashamed to be seen at such a meeting, and had stood on the road and therefore had not understood it all. We had a fine chance to speak to him. He had heard the Gospel from the Salvation Army while in America years before, but admitted he just had not wanted to accept it all these years. He seems to be a very intelligent fellow and one could see how the Lord was speaking to him. Please pray for him — just pray for "Mike", and I know the Lord will hear and work. His wife also was there the day before and Miss Selody had spoken to her, but they are so afraid of the priests and the neighbors.

This was the first time I had really been out so among these people. I had never seen such poverty. No dishes in the house, even the cup in the bucket had a rag to stop up the hole in the bottom! But how kind they are; they wanted to give us the best of all they had. As we slept in the hay, we had a peaceful night.

The next meeting was held also in a village where the road has just begun. We started out on a wagon but the road was so bad that we had to walk after the half-way mark was reached. We had a fine meeting there and afterwards they had an examination of the applicants who wished to be baptized the following Sunday. Not a little examination such as one sees so often at home, but this lasted five hours for five candidates. Satan had his man here also who spoke long and loudly against the believers and so upset the wife and mother of one of the candidates that they even prevented him from coming to the baptism. He was the most promising of all, a young man and had a real zeal for the Lord and loved the Word. So it goes. Sometimes those who claim to love the person the most stand in the way of his salvation. This poor wife especially, after listening to the lies spread by this man of Satan, was frightened that her dear husband would be a damned soul if he was baptized, so she used every means to defeat it and did.

You can see the need of prayer here. Only the Lord can deliver these poor, blind, prejudiced people from their religion into real life in Christ Jesus. Please pray that the Lord shall work in power, using the many Testaments and Bibles that have been spread among Gentiles and others in Carpa-

thia. Only the Lord can give it the power that it needs to break the shackles that Satan has forged to hold them in bonds. It is wonderful to see the joy of those people when they really accept Christ and come into the new life which Christ gives.

The baptism was fine, except the weather, but that did not hamper it. The people came from many kilometers away to be there. After a meeting we all filed down to the river and there the service was held. Each one had to declare his belief in and acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour before the large group assembled and then was baptized. Then we went back and after a dedicatory prayer over these new members we all partook of the Lord's Supper together. It was a blessed time for all of us. Then these people all had to go home — some for miles and miles on foot through the mountains in a regular cloudburst of rain; but they left rejoicing in the Lord. How I wish our believers at home could see how these people will come for miles to enjoy fellowship one with another and to hear the Word preached.

Mrs. Kertesz has been working up there and having many opportunities to witness to all kinds of people, but it is very difficult now and she needs much prayer that the Lord shall lead her each day and make plain His place and will for her during these times. She is out and out for Christ, and although sick, walks sometimes twenty and more kilometers and speaks in the meetings and with souls wherever possible and always is giving out the printed Word. The Lord has given her wonderful courage and privileges.

About my leaving. As yet I have no answer from the application to remain. It is now two months since it ran out and I am still here without knowing what shall be. The traveling money draft is here but now we are unable to cash it for there is no more dollar exchange here, it seems. They give no price for the dollar now and when they do exchange it is at a very low rate of exchange and it is impossible to get dollars. The Consul though today told me to leave it so that, if necessary, they will work out some way to get it when it is necessary to travel.

We have heard nothing from our application for German visas and from all reports we shall never hear, but that is the only chance left to us, unless we go out by Turkey, Palestine, etc., and that costs terrifically and now is also closed temporarily, — so it looks as if we shall have to remain unless the visa is given. Please pray, that the Lord's will be done. Frankly I favor returning, for you can't imagine the feeling one has at times; but the Lord's will be done.

We have remained thus long and have had freedom to preach the Word and the Lord has supplied every need, so we can trust Him to work it out. We have received nothing direct since the first of June, but thus far the Lord has wonderfully worked. I know that you folks are working and doing all possible for us out here and I thank you for it. May the Lord bless all of you and those who are praying and giving for us and reward all of you accordingly.

Soon the school year starts once more and my boys are coming back we trust, although all is so much more expensive now. I do not know how it will be. Please pray that the Lord may guide and give wisdom and meet every need. At present I am staying here and doing what is possible. I have opportunities to witness and to give out the Word in our churches and individually. The Lord gave us a blessed meeting in one Hungarian church Sunday night. But it is impossible for me to study this language and all now, it seems. Please pray that I may have the necessary patience and quietness for it, and for all of us physically, for we are all more or less sick. There are so many needs all about us, but the Lord knows them all and I am sure He will lead you in prayer as you wait upon Him. Love to all of you and may the Lord use and blesss you all.

—Karl Faulkner.

A group of us at the Orphanage. Mrs. Kertesz sitting (in white dress), and Nadja (the girl who helps Miss Selody). I got the Russian jacket as a gift there this last time. How do you like it? The woman by me is a believing Russian woman who lives with Miss Selody at the Orphanage, and the other is an American sister who was visiting them.

A SECOND LETTER FROM OUR BROTHER FAULKNER

Budapest, Oct. 14.
Received Nov. 18

Dear Mr. Smith:

Just a few lines to let you know the latest news. The Lord has been very gracious indeed to me. When I went the other day to get the extension of my residential permit I was very pleasantly surprised, for they had given me a year and a half, so that now it is good until Jan. 1, 1943! I had to wait a long time for it, but it was worth it after all. As we have heard no word from our application for German visas (made about four or five months ago), it rather looks as if I shall be remaining here, for the way out is closed except for the very expensive way around Africa.

I am praising the Lord for this privilege that is mine in remaining. I know that it is an answer to your prayers and mine. If we should get German visas, through some miracle, I think the consul will make us leave if he can. He says the money for traveling should be left with him for such an emergency, for if it arrives it will be quick and no time to wait for funds to come through.

Since I have written you last Mrs. M. has received funds through Switzerland. Would it not be possible to send funds through to me that way also? I must prove that my support is coming in from outside the country. As I had not received for three months the consul helped a little by giving what I would have received at the old rate. If you folks wish that money returned that is here now let me know, but when you know Europe as it is today you will realize how necessary it is to have traveling funds at hand, for sometimes you move on 24-hour notice. May the Lord guide you in all these things. When we meet I can explain it all more clearly.

I am enjoying the classes I teach here in the school and the boys also seem to be profiting. Please pray for them. I teach evangelism and one class on a Minister's spiritual life. My services are, of course, gratis. Then I have had opportunities preaching. Sunday night I was in one of our small mission churches speaking on the "Value of the Human Soul." It is something I find that we forget very quickly, especially here where so little value is placed upon it. We go so often by these poor lost souls and do not even let one tear drop for them in prayer. But Satan surely hasn't forgotten the value of that lost soul, for he is busy on every side to prevent that one from coming to the Lord Jesus, to prevent his coming out of the bondage to Satan into the kingdom of Light. Here one hears and sees a good deal of the Christ, but the living Lord Jesus Christ is known to but few.

The other day I was with Mr. P. in his shop, witnessing to one of his friends, an artist. Because he read the gospel of Matthew eleven years ago, in order to get material to paint a picture of Christ, this man thought he had done God a favor and should be saved. But after speaking with him for some time we found out that he did not believe in anything. Just camouflaged. So many are like that. Please pray that we may have opportunities to witness daily and above all that we shall have a keen spiritual sight, that we may be able to ascertain just what is needed in each case.

Mrs. K. is here again with a sick baby from the orphanage which she is trying to place in a hospital. The poor thing has T. B. and is undernourished, for at home they had not enough to eat, so she is in a sad condition. Several in the last years have come to the orphanage like that, but you should see them now.

It is interesting to see how the Lord leads us moment by moment and day by day. Here one is able to leave a tract or a verse for them to think about, the next place a Gospel or portion of the Word, etc., but how few are willing to read the Word and to really listen to the Gospel. They have time for the papers, politics, gossip and all except the Gospel of Christ, which is far more important to them than all the others. We have a good opening often here for they always greet you with the question, "Well, what is new?" So it gives an opening for the good news. Please pray for us much that we especially might have the God-given boldness to preach the Word at all times to these people, not fearing the things that Satan so often brings upon us. Now I am going to the Doctor and taking treatments, so please pray for my health also. It's been bad for some time and now is not too good. Thanks to all of you and may the Lord bless, heal and use you for His glory there. Praying for you all, I am yours in Christ Jesus,

—Karl Faulkner.

(Recent news from Fred Stettler (Switzerland) says he was able to send funds to Brother Karl. This month we are allowed to send them direct. Ed.)

LETTER FROM A NATIVE EUROPEAN AND A MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE GRADUATE

My Dear Mr. Smith:—

Indeed, I have longed to receive a letter from you for months, but I am sorry to say that I have not been privileged with such pleasure. Many times I have wondered what might be the reason for such a long silence. I hope that you are well and healthy and that the work of the *American European Fellowship* is going on in such a way as to bring glory to God in these unusually trying times. Never has the world needed so much the Gospel and workers to live and do the Lord's will for the salvation of mankind. My prayers are daily following you and all the brethren in connection with the Society, that you may be real blessings to many who are in need and in distress all over this earth. The Lord will soon come! Let us be faithful to the end!

I would like to share with you many things, but it is better not to do it now! The war conditions do not give us the real freedom to express ourselves. After it is all over, and if we are still alive, we shall then be able to write as we feel, and we will then attempt to describe for you the awful trials through which we have already passed. I can only say that our home is fronted with deep, deep needs, such as one could never tell about! Pray for peace and justice over the earth! Meanwhile there is no way to look but *up to God Himself* and leave all in his hands.

My dear little son was very ill for months, but now, thank God! he is better. My husband was a soldier away from home for six months; now he is at home, but how long he will be with us God only knows.

I am well and have been able to do my Christian Mission work in the church. I have a lovely Sunday School class, and have been from time to time superintendent of the large Sunday School in our church. My work among the women is going on, too. Being a vice-president of the Women's Missionary Union of our country gives me the privilege to travel over the land and preach the Gospel. I am just now working over the message which I plan to give in my forthcoming journey to many meetings. Pray that many souls may be won for the glory of our Saviour, and for the growth of His Kingdom. When I return I will send you a short report of this Missionary journey.

On account of the war, life is very hard. Everything, — food, clothing, and so on, — is very dear, and one could not even find them! If you could send some second-hand clothing, especially woollen things, you will be doing a real Christian act. Without the monthly allowance life would be very hard. All Missionaries are in a bad condition, living on borrowed funds and hoping to pay them back when the allowances come through again. The only way to reach us with funds is through our National Bank from time to time in Swiss francs, — or you will send it through one of our workers in Switzerland and he sends it to us, or through the Red Cross Society in Switzerland as relief aid in our country.

Should all these ways fail, please take good care of our money, so that some day it will come through to us and we can pay our debts here. You now have our new address and I am sure you will know what to do. Please write me a long letter wih news about yourself and about the Board. Brother A. went to be a minister in S. (a little town in the country). The churches here will pay to him. They are well. Love and greetings to all our friends. Sincerely yours.

—P. Nikoff.

(There is much that is hidden from the unwise and unfamiliar ones, but we can assure the friends in this country that the channel is still open through the worker in Switzerland whom she mentions and funds will be sent as received. As to the used clothing, we will make the effort as soon as possible, when we are confident shipment can be made without loss. This will be as after the last war, when we sent tons and tons of baled clothing to all parts of Europe. — Editor.)

A VERY BUSY MAN

Switzerland,
September 17, 1941.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Your good letter of August 25 was a real relief to us. We are very sorry that Mr. Smith has been so ill. We can now well understand that many things had of necessity been delayed. But then we are cast upon the Lord to learn patience and some other things as well. Kindly remember us to Mr. Smith and give him our best wishes.

Thank you very much for some of the addresses of the workers we did not have formerly. Although I have no direct news from Mr. Gordiuk, I have heard that he is well.

In regard to the work of the Lord, I have more work than I can handle. There are always too few Sundays in a month. Just now a church alive for the Lord considers calling me as their definite pastor. I do not know how the Lord will lead us. Up to date I have simply accepted the many invitations from week to week, — first come first served, — and so I have been able to serve many places and various groups and was not bound to any particular place. This offers great advantages for a Missionary. For some time we are in prayer as to what God's will is for us, and the future.

Next Sunday I am to be at the opening of a Chapel. In His good time He will show us the right way. In the meantime we shall be busy to make known the Gospel, to build His Church and to give Christ the place and glory that belongs to Him. With hearty greetings.

Fred Stettler.

A LONG TIME COMING!

British East Africa
July 28, 1941
(arrived in October)

Dear Friend and Sister in Christ:

Greetings in His Name — that "Precious Name" from far off Africa! I am still wondering how it ever happened and why I am in this land! But I know *He called me* and that's enough for me for the present. I'll understand it better by and by.

You and your prayers are often remembered in my prayers, and I hope I, too, am on your "prayer list."

Tell dear Brother Smith that I am sorry not to have written more, but I have been very busy. I attended a convention at Nera Tang Ter of about two weeks, and this trip has been a little trying. I will try to "pull myself together" when I get back to Nairobi.

But it is just wonderful, the "close up" insight I am getting on Mission work in Africa! I do not see how I can ever write it at all, but at least (maybe at the best) I can pray more intelligently for Missions in this Dark Africa.

Well, God bless you all at the "Home Base." Yours is just as important as ours out on the Firing Line. In Jesus' Name and Love.

Frank A. McGaw.

MISSIONARIES IN EXILE

Groton, Mass.
Sept. 22, 1941

Rev. Norman J. Smith
156-5th Ave., New York

Our dear friend:

Sixteen months ago the last missionary left Albania; only three letters have reached us since then. The wave of war has twice passed over our Kortcha (Coritsa). Albania is now again under the Italians. Apparently the mission buildings are standing, occupied by Mussolini's troops; there are no known losses among missionary attendants.

Colportage work went very well until October. The Sunday School work was stopped, and it seems that only Koci's preaching has continued. Little else is known, but these facts call for thanksgiving and prayer. Funds have been sent to Albania.

The Albanian Bible class has continued regularly in Southbridge (Mass.). Naum and his sister both give evidence of having been born again, and pray openly. Unfortunately we can report no gain in attendance. Saturday evening seems the best for the class, yet it is not at all ideal. Also, although several Greek Catholic Albanians express sympathy with the Bible class, there seems to be an almost unanimous resolve on the part of the closely knit Albanian colony to boycot the meetings of the "Protestant propagandists." Will you pray especially during a special attempt this fall?

Graduate study was continued last spring at Boston University, an assistantship caring for tuition, and I received the Master of Arts Degree. The thesis was most fascinating to me; — "The Islamization of Albania under the Turks"; — but Dorothy and the children are glad it is over, and so am I.

Supply preaching during the early summer eventuated in our taking over the pastorate of the Groton Baptist Church in August. On the verge of closing its doors, it is a real challenge to faith and prayer and hard work; yet being small, it will allow time for Albanian work and speaking on Albania certain mid-week or Sunday evenings. Should the way open again, Albania of course has priority. Meanwhile Eddie, Stanton and Gloria are well and very happy in their somewhat more permanent quarters.

Should you be driving to or through Groton, do stop in. It would be good to see you again. In Christ Jesus, Your friends and missionaries-in-exile,

—Edwin and Dorothy Jacques.

MISSIONARY NEWS FROM FRANCE

Where Missionary Effort, Relief and Prayer Are Wisely Mingled

The South of France.
Received Nov. 25th.

Dear Praying Friends:

"That which we have heard and seen declare we unto you, that ye may also have Fellowship with us; and truly our Fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

We have had days in this city when nothing could be found to eat, and so I went out into the surrounding hill villages to seek (the lost), and there God gave me a precious ministry. Soon I had groups of children around me who were eager to learn verses and listen to the wonderful stories of God's Book. How precious it is to teach children; nothing greater than sowing living seeds in innocent hearts! One, little Maria, is a marvel to me. She will stand patiently hour after hour, with her basket in one hand and holding her small sister in the other, waiting, waiting, to get a few vegetables, which she tells me she knows how to cook. She does the family washing; her mother is working; her father never returned. She says with full assurance of faith that God is now her Heavenly Father, — "and I ask Him every morning to give us our daily bread," she continues. Recently she was missing when I called, and I was told she was working in the fields. She is only eight years of age!

Coming down the hill, I saw a poorly clad mother with her three children, all in their bare feet and with baskets. They were out hunting for something to eat, and as I saw them again and again, going in and out with their baskets empty, I was sure they would find nothing, for it would be difficult after the early morning hours had passed to find anything. My heart was filled with compassion, as I thought how they represented tens of thousands of Europeans today.

Coming home with my carrots, I made a dish and went to see a Finnish mother, now always in bed, and her days will not be many on this earth! She told me long ago of her fear of death. "They have told me all my life," she said, "that there is no hell, but now I am afraid of going there." Now she has peace and is ready to go home to God.

Some old English ones remaining here when all others were told to leave, who have such weak eyes that they can no more read, are on my heart, to read the Bible to them and minister to them as the Lord enables me. They have manifested a dignity, a reserve in their fate and poverty such as one often finds in the British aristocracy. And last, but always first, the Chosen People, — "of all men the most miserable" — one is speechless in the presence of it, — feeling oft is can best be understood in communion with the weeping prophet when he sat in the ruins of Jerusalem and was inspired to write the Lamentations: — "Is there sorrow like unto my sorrows? Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man, a nation for the punishment of his sins. Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens." Lam. 3:39-41. Nothing can help them but God Almighty — are you crying out to Him? — in the fellowship of His suffering for them, — whom He loves with an everlasting love.

It has come to my knowledge that there are various agencies in Lisbon which are mediating American gifts. If the Lord should touch your heart and enable you to have fellowship with us, if possible minister to at least some of the deepest needs. Will you find out in a nearby city the agency; give them your gift, ask them to send it to Carioca Limiteda, rua de Misericordi 9, Lisboa, Portugal. — indicating various groceries, as rice, oatmeal, cacao, dried fruit, chocolate and condensed milk and the like, — to be sent to Missionure Tordis Christoffersen Family Home, 5, Avenue Depoilly, Nice, M. A., France. And I shall in His Name minister, and trust the Lord to use it for His own glory in revealing His love through it (Here a portion, we cannot judge how much, was deleted, — cut out entirely) then we were most grateful for the needles and cotton which some thoughtful sister sent. Would some one send us some tan and brown cotton, and a few larger needles which could be used for making bast shoes and mending with heavy thread. Just paste it on top of the letter. At the post office they were so impressed when they saw the needles, we gave them one, — with a tract and and a testimony. We are so happy for letters, living as shut ins. Use diligent-

ly the above address. Sincerely yours in His glad service.

Tordis Christoffersen.

(Some of Miss Christoffersen's friends have heard recently that she was facing starvation! But at the same time we have assurances that she has just received our $200 emergency payment which we sent immediately after the way had opened again, — and an air mail letter came from Fred Stettler also, saying, "Thank you for the $200!"

(Due to the recent "tight" conditions, we were unable to get funds to Miss Christoffersen or Fred Stettler, — yes, even poor little free Switzerland was watched. Miss Mitchell told me that she had tried and tried. The American Express Company refused to transmit funds. She appealed next to the Federal Reserve Bank; waited a long time; was refused. Then suddenly the way opened. Last week she was able to send $200 to each of these faithful servants of God.

(If our faithful friends had not sent their regular gifts in we would not have had this $400 to send across the ocean by radio at a moment's notice. We are rejoicing, too, to discover that we have not been cut off as much as a lot of organizations. So we say to all readers of the magazine, and to our praying and contributing friends, keep on with the good work, and do not forget to pray that the doors into the troubled zones may be kept open for the flow of relief funds and regular support for the Missionaries themselves.—Editor.)

"THE FIGHT FOR EXISTENCE"

Things Worth Praising God for and Worth Praying for Also

Bustyaháza, 1941. X. 30.
Rec'd Nov. 25, 1941.

Dear Brother Smith:

Since a very long time you had no news from me. It isn't my fault, it is the times, and added to this, that I don't know English. The fight for existence has taken all my time. I ought to go to Miss Selody for translation. Just now the Lord sent us a dear guest Mrs. Kertesz, whom I did not let go before I asked her to help me to write this letter.

You might think, dear Brother Smith, that when I am not writing the work stopped; it is just the contrary, the more quiet I am, the more I am working. In the Summer we had much blessing. Most likely Brother Kovalchuk or Brother Manetz has written you about the conference we had here in Bustyaháza (Bustino). I did also visiting work on Sundays and holydays in the neighboring villages and little towns. I visited at least twice all these places. By God's grace a church, where Brother MacGregor was working in Csabrin, has joined to us. In two other places we saw an awakening, also by the grace of God.

Even in these hard times one can see interest toward the Word of God. The people have a thirst to learn the truth, even though there are many enemies at hand. There was such Scripture sold and distributed, and especially Bibles. We do not need to offer free the Bibles as we did before, because people would buy for any price. I have only ten songbooks and these I am keeping only for workers; we would need at least a hundred pieces, but for that we can only pray.

In Bustyaháza (Bustino) the spiritual work did not stop either. As before we have on Wednesdays prayer-meeting and on Sundays two meetings; the afternoon one we use as a Sunday-School. We have also Sunday-School with the children.

We have a request, and would ask you very much to send me a Russian edition of Mackintosh's "Third Book of Moses," if possible. It is to be got at Ischuk, 162 Second Avenue. Also I beg you to send me *The Harvest Field*, and what you are sending, be so kind to send to the following address: Moscár János, Bustyaháza 648, Kárpátalja Magyarország.

We have also a problem. We have two boys as Bible students in Budapest and they remained without help. The last year I got the sure promise through Brother Kovalchuk, that somebody is going to help them with the costs. Alas! until now it remained only a promise.

Brother Gonak is at his old place, working on the Lord's field.

Miss Selody works as before. Because there are more and more needy children taken up, just now under difficulties, she is finishing a part of the unfinished new building, for it is greatly needed. She has difficulties to get the building material and the life necessities for the children. Please pray

for all these.

We send our love to Brothers Kovalchuk, Manetz, Miller, Dr. Gers, Neprash, Davidjuk and Georg, and we remember you all in prayer.

Our wish is that the Lord might bless you richly and make you abundant in all good things.

Yours in Christ:

Mr. and Mrs. John Mochar.

ASKS PRAYER PARTNERS

Dear Brother Smith:

I am also using the given opportunity and want to thank you for the kindness which you have shown toward me. I thank you that through the magazine many have learned about me and are praying for me. I am most grateful for each prayer partner. Ephesians 6:18, 19.

I am working as usual where the Lord leads me; He is using and blessing me all the time. I am so thankful that we are still able to work. The Lord has graciously provided whatever was necessary for the living and for the work. Some weeks ago I met Brother Faulkner in Budapest. He is rejoicing in the Lord and works wherever openings are given, including meetings in several churches. He is a blessing for all of us. Sister Agnes writes about the wonderful privileges the Lord has given her among His ancient people. She asks your prayers for those whom she contacts, and also for her old and unsaved mother. I do the same.

Just now I am starting out on a witnessing trip up to the Carpathian Mountain district; want to revisit Korosmeso, then go to Rashov and from there down to Selatmar. Came back lately from Transylvania, where many Jews lived and where no work is being done among them. I would be most thankful for your prayers.

I hope your health has returned already; was sorry to learn about your illness. Praying for the Lord's richest blessings upon you all and sending my love to the dear children of God in the United States. Yours in Christ.

Rose Kertesz.

MISSIONS IN THE HEART OF AFRICA

Happenings of Five Months Ago But Worth Reporting Today

Zohumbo, Tanganyika
June 30, 1941
Received Nov. 24.

Dear Praying Ones:

On Friday night at 10:30 I got on the train at Nairobi to come about 500 miles into this territory, about 100 miles south of the south end of Lake Victoria. I was all the night and until four P.M. the next day on the train. At six we got on the boat, "Usoga," at Kisumu. I was surprised to find such a fine ship in the heart of Africa. She has a displacement of 1200 tons. She has the usual cranes for handling a surprising amount of freight. The lake was very quiet and it was a delightful trip of over 200 miles from Kisumu at the north to Mwanza at the south end.

On Sunday morning (with consent of the captain) at 10 o'clock we held a service in the dining room. I was disappointed in not getting the help I expected, so I was alone. To my surprise 25 filed into the room—several of them were soldiers on leave, and three or four "Fanys" (soldier women). One of the ship's officers was in the group, the Chief Engineer.

I had 25 leaflets with choruses and they took hold of the singing quite heartily. I spoke on the "Lost Sheep and the Lost Son — The Prodigal." I dwelt on home and mother. Twice from the Chorus sheet we sang "Tell Mother I'll be There". Two of the soldiers had been drinking and one of them told me afterwards that he cried and the "Fanys" laughed at him, but that he didn't care. He talked with me several times and told me that his father is a minister in Scotland and his mother is "the best woman in the world". He also told me that it was 16 years since he left home. The day he left, his mother followed him about the house crying over his going away. Surely with his mouth he honors his father and mother. But he was most blasphemous in his hatred of God. "You say there is a God of Love and mercy, and lets things go on in the world — innocent women and children killed by the thousand! Where is God in all this?"

In his drink, he was very talkative. I was almost annoyed and at last I said, "We don't seem to be getting anywhere." "Oh!" he said, "let me talk —I want to get this off my chest." He willingly gave me his father's address in Scotland, and I have written to those dear parents. He is a soldier from South Africa, where he

has a wife and one child. Dear Believing Ones, will you join me in praying for this, one who is a long way from his Father's house. I could write more about this wonderful trip. But now let me write about something else.

July 31, 1941—I am now at Musona, about midway on the east shore of the lake. From Lohumbo we rode in a lorry to Nera to the Convention of The Tanganyika Section of The African Inland Mission. July 11-12-13 was the native convention. It was interesting to look into, but not very instructive to one who didn't know the language. But I was told that several of the speakers (native) came out clearly and preached Christ and Him crucified,—speaking on the Blood and the Cross. (They are not modernists!).

The next week, 14-15-16, the missionaries held their splendid sessions. On Tuesday morning Mr. Jester, who has charge of some school work, spoke on the whole educational question and several problems. I was somewhat afraid of discussions and arguments, but the convention had not gone on far when the Spirit of unity and harmony prevailed beautifully. (Should I not write "Spirit" with a capital!)

At different times there were confessions of a personal character and these were such as neglecting Bible Study and prayer. One feature that seemed to me very fine was three or four messages on Ephesians. Your humble servant had a place on the program. One woman gave a talk on "The Little Foxes that Spoil the Vines." She mentioned quite a herd of these little foxes, — and some not so little either.

These 30 or 40 missionaries are mostly young people, though a few have been on the field 25 or 30 years. Of the latter are Mr. and Mrs. S., — who used to live in Akron, Ohio, and know people and places that I know.

The closing session on Thursday evening was a great farewell meeting. The communion, — The Lord's supper, — was observed, and to me it grows more sacred and precious as the years go by and as I have partaken of it with Christ's loving followers in Poland, in Africa or in America!

Frank A. McGaw.

CHRISTIANIZATION OF NATIONS HELD MEANS TO WORLD PEACE

Converting of Indians Cited as Illustration by South Dakota Bishop

The story of how the Sioux Indians, once among the most troublesome of Indian tribes and famous for the Custer massacre, have become peaceful largely through the influence of religion was told by the Right Rev. W. Blair Roberts, D.D., Episcopal bishop of South Dakota, recently at a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Episcopal Church, Sagamore Road, Bronxville, N. Y.

Bishop Roberts recalled that the Sioux in the old days were termed the "greatest light cavalry the world has ever known." The Custer disaster was but one episode in the bitter fight between these Indians and the United States Army.

"The Government made treaties with the Sioux," Bishop Roberts said. "It sent food, clothing, and doctors to them but even these failed to pacify the Indian. It was not until the missionaries took Christianity into South Dakota that a change began."

"Today the Sioux are almost entirely Christian and are a peaceful and peace-loving people," the speaker said. "No longer is it necessary for the government to maintain an army in the Sioux country. What force, food and clothing and treaties failed to do, religion was able to accomplish.

Sees Lesson in Sioux

Bishop Roberts saw in this record of the Indians a lesson for the world with relation to war.

"The answer to the present warring world lies in the Christianization of the nations," he said. "Only through the Christian life can hatred and covetousness and bitterness of revenge be conquered."

Almost one-half of the Sioux Indian nation in South Dakota are members of Bishop Roberts' mission stations. He has 97 such stations in nine different Indian reservations. One of the striking modern developments is the native ministry, which has been developed, Bishop Roberts said.

" . . . *unto Illyricum (Albania) I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*" — *Romans* 15:19.

EBB OF THE MISSIONS

What a Title! But Read the Story and then Judge for Yourself

By Hallet Abend

Once more the tide of missionary effort and missionary personnel is fast ebbing away from the Far East. Missions and missionary schools and hospitals are being closed, missionaries are returning to the United States, Canada and England. Those who choose to remain in the Japanese-occupied areas of China, in Manchuko, in Korea and in Japan are finding that their activities and even their private lives are proscribed and controlled by the military and by minor officialdom. Their work is suspect and their motives are misrepresented.

In Japan Protestant churches have been compelled to sever their ties with parent organizations in America or in Europe. Even the Salvation Army has been reorganized and renamed and foreign officers and workers have been ousted on the grounds that the organization was "a tool of British imperialism." Similar restrictions have been imposed in Korea, in Formosa and in Manchuko.

Only in what is called "Free China," the China under the control of the Chungking Government, is there continued and even increasing freedom for missionary effort. General Chiang Kai-shek's regime has openly encouraged the widening of missionary effort of all kinds, and foreign aid, through missions, not only is helping to spread education through the backward interior provinces but also is assisting enormously in taking care of war-wounded Chinese soldiers and civilians.

But in China scores of missionary institutions have been destroyed by aerial bombings or by Japanese artillery fire, and those that have escaped undamaged are permitted to continue functioning only under strict military supervision. Japanese military leaders say frankly that, although they will welcome missionary medical workers and teachers, they look with grave suspicion upon educational missionaries and also dislike a continuation of evangelical work by foreign missionaries.

The Japanese objection to mission educational institutions is easy to understand. They say that educational missionaries know little of and ignore Oriental culture and that they teach "dangerous thoughts" to the Chinese. They say that American and British missionaries, in particular, are violently anti-Japanese at heart, that they aid and encourage Chinese in passive resistance.

Reliable statistics are not available as to the amount of money expended on mission work in China during the last 100 years, but it must have totaled somewhere near a quarter of a billion dollars. The number who have been martyred by anti-foreign or anti-Christian mobs or military probably exceeds 2,000, and this takes no count of the thousands who have lost their lives by remaining at their posts in epidemics, floods and wars.

The net results, in a purely evangelical sense, have been astonishingly small, for even the largest and most optimistic estimates do not place the total of Chinese Christian converts as high as 5,000,000.

The reasons for this are many and complicated. Not only have the missions endured many periods of official obstructionism and persecutions but they have had to work against what is seemingly an ingrained anti-foreignism in the Chinese people. Moreover, the Chinese are not at heart a religious people. They are thoughtful and philosophical and deeply superstitious. Christianity is basically opposed to the Chinese system of ancestor worship, and the idea of monogamy makes only slow headway.

Yet the work of the missionaries has had profound effects in hastening the rehabilitation of a land which has been in one sad plight or another ever since the end of the Taiping rebellion in the Eighteen Sixties. Missionaries have fought with success against the opium habit, against foot-binding and concubinage, and have aided materially in broadening public opinion. This has resulted in elevating the position of Chinese women.

Their educational campaigns against filth and in favor of vaccination have done much to reduce smallpox, dysentery, malaria and other diseases which formerly counted hundreds of thousands of victims annually. They have also profoundly influenced the political thought of the Chinese people.

—*The New York Times Magazine, November* 9, 1941.

Surely there is much to praise the Lord for in Mr. Abend's Missionary News, and reason to continue to spread the Gospel 'till Jesus comes!

SOLDIER, CITIZEN, SCHOLAR, MISSIONARY

Working Among the Russian Settlers in a Large South American Field

Berisso, F. C. S., Sept. 10

Dear Brother Smith:—

I wish to write you a few lines before leaving for a Missionary trip to the far-away province of Mendoza for two or three weeks. The Russian believers there have been begging me for some time to visit them, but I was so busy here that I could not go until the present time.

We have been having special meetings here in Buenos Aires and Berisso, and the Lord has richly blessed us. Our Union Conference and baptismal service in Buenos Aires were very crowded and good results are already to be seen. The following Sunday four souls gave themselves to Christ, and the last Sunday two more joined the church.

The services are very well attended every where. We thank God that we can say progress is seen in every part of our great field here. We thank you and all our friends for your prayer for us and this our field. I wish I could make more Missionary trips to different provinces where the need is so great, but there is so much work and responsibility here in the center that I am unable to leave the place as often as they ask me to come.

Recently I received good news from Mr. and Mrs. Mochar, in Karpathian Russia, Hungary. They say the Lord is blessing their labors very richly. They are holding meetings in different places, and new towns and villages are opening for the work of evangelization. The Prayer Hall in Bustino is becoming too small for the people coming to the meetings there.

There was a Workers' Conference recently in Bustino, at which Mr. John Mochar was selected to be the responsible worker for the whole wide region around Bustino. He wishes he could give all his time to this new work.

Miss M. Selody continues her good and important work in the Orphanage in Neresnice, in spite of all the difficulties and hardships. Besides this work, she is also doing much Missionary work in that region. The children in the Orphanage are also helping much in the Lord's work. May the Lord bless them all and help them especially during this hard time of war. Very sincerely yours. John Kovalchuk.

(My first remembrance of Brother Kovalchuk was when he returned to our Russian Bible School in Philadelphia after serving with the United States forces abroad during the first World War. He has been a Missionary in Europe under our *American-European Fellowship* for many years, holding the degree of Bachelor of Theology from the Texas Baptist Seminary. The John Mochars about whom he writes in this letter are his son-in-law and daughter, whom he and Mrs. Kovalchuk were compelled to leave behind when they sailed for the Russian colonies in South America. (God has preserved their lives and used them to His glory in soul winning.) We join with them all in rejoicing over the increases in spiritual hunger and added opportunity to preach the Gospel in the towns and villages of Karpathian Russia, and believe it describes the famine for the Preached Word throughout many parts of Europe. May the Lord soon open the field again in all its parts. Our readers will well remember Miss Selody and her orphans, and praise the Lord for her continued ministry to the children and for their early efforts to testify to the goodness and mercy of God. Let us remember them all before the Throne of Grace and support them in the present hour as we are able. — Editor).

Friends of the Fellowship:

In all our twenty-two years of Missionary and Relief Effort since the Society was organized on Nov. 17, 1919, we have never faced more trying, heart-rending conditions than in this present hour. This does not mean, however, that there is any reason to cease our labors. Our urgent, earnest message at this moment is an invitation to you personally to take this whole labor for the Lord to your heart as sincerely as our Missionaries are doing. Surely "all these things are the beginning of sorrows!" (Matt. 24:8). "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14).

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